

Ceredigion Council's School Language Policy

Ceredigion County Council is committed to supporting the Welsh Government's vision and ambition to see a million people able to enjoy speaking and using Welsh by 2050, in line with 'Cymraeg 2050 : Welsh language strategy'.

The 'Curriculum for Wales - Curriculum for Life' emphasizes the fact that Welsh will remain compulsory up until the age of 16.

The Area of Learning and Experience for Languages, Literacy and Communication in this curriculum states the following:

"This Area of Learning and Experience offers ways to take advantage of the links between teaching Welsh, English and modern foreign languages, by encouraging children and young people to apply their knowledge of the way language works in Welsh, for example, to English or modern foreign languages. In doing so, they can understand the structure of languages. This, together with an appreciation of words and their origin, can help children and young people develop enthusiasm and interest in language."

For schools in Ceredigion, teaching Welsh and English either as a first or second language, is one of the essential requirements and reflects the current National Curriculum.

The aim of the Local Authority is to teach pupils to be fully bilingual as they leave the primary school and to develop that ability during their secondary phase in order to become full members of the bilingual society of which they are a part. This aspiration is in line with Ceredigion Council's corporate strategy.

Primary Schools

This Language Policy extends across all the county's primary schools and aims to develop the ability of all pupils to be confident in both Welsh and English by the end of KS2. In the Welsh-medium schools (please see list 1 below), Welsh is the assessment language used at the end of the Foundation Phase. In KS2, there is continuity to the pupils' development with regard to their oral skills (listening and speaking), Welsh reading and writing skills and corresponding skills in English. In the predominantly English-medium primary schools, but with a significant use of Welsh (please see list 2 below), English is the assessment language used at the end of the Foundation Phase and at the end of Key Stage 2.

Secondary

Pupils who have been assessed in Welsh as first language at the end of KS2 (Welsh-medium schools) are expected to continue with their Welsh-medium education in the secondary sector. They will study Welsh as First Language and other subjects through the medium of Welsh in KS3 to ensure continuity. The aim is for pupils to study Welsh as a first language up to the end of Year 11. Secondary schools build on the foundation set in the primary schools by ensuring that all pupils continue to develop skills in both Welsh and English across the curriculum.

Special Educational Needs / Additional Learning Needs

In Ceredigion, there is a strong commitment to ensuring that children and young people with special educational needs (SEN)/ additional learning needs receive linguistic equality of opportunity in terms of bilingual education.

Welsh and English-medium provision is available for most of the range and variety of SEN/ ALN. A fully bilingual service can be offered to parents and pupils.

The Welsh Language in Education Strategic Plan

Ceredigion County's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2017-20 has been approved by the Welsh Government. It sets out the authority's main goals in developing the Welsh language under seven specific outcomes.

To view a copy of the scheme:

Welsh Language in Education Strategic Plan: *an electronic link will be noted here*

List 1: Welsh-Medium Primary Schools

1	Ysgol Aberaeron
2	Ysgol Bro Sion Cwilt
3	Ysgol Cilcennin
4	Ysgol Ciliau Parc
5	Ysgol Dihewyd
6	Ysgol Felinfach
7	Ysgol Llanarth
8	Ysgol Llannon
9	Ysgol Talgarreg
10	Ysgol Craig yr Wylfa
11	Ysgol Llanfarian
12	Ysgol Llanfihangel y Creuddyn
13	Ysgol Llangwryfon
14	Ysgol Llanilar
15	Ysgol Myfenydd
16	Ysgol Penllwyn
17	Ysgol Penrhyncoch
18	Ysgol Mynach
19	Ysgol Syr John Rhys
20	Ysgol Rhydypennau
21	Ysgol Talybont
22	Ysgol Aberporth
23	Ysgol Aberteifi
24	Ysgol Beulah
25	Ysgol Cenarth
26	Ysgol Llechryd
27	Ysgol Penparc
28	Ysgol T Llew Jones
29	Ysgol Dyffryn Cledlyn
30	Ysgol y Dderi
31	Ysgol Trewen
32	Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth
33	Ysgol Pontrhydfendigaid
34	Ysgol Rhos Helyg
35	Ysgol Bro Teifi
36	Ysgol Henry Richard (CS a CA2)
37	Ysgol Bro Pedr (Ffrwd Gymraeg CS a CA2)

List 2: Predominantly English Medium primary school but with significant use of Welsh

1	Ysgol Comins Coch
2	Ysgol Plascrug
3	Ysgol Bro Pedr (Ffrwd Saesneg CS a CA2)
4	Ysgol Llwyn yr Eos
5	Ysgol Cei Newydd
6	Ysgol Padarn Sant